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LETTER DATED 31 OCTOBER 1991 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I should like to inform you that the United States Air Force continues to violate Iraqi airspace and that the violations have been as follows:

1. The United States Air Force continued to violate Iraqi airspace for purposes of surveillance and provocation on 28/29 October 1991 with 22 sorties flown by 11 two-aircraft formations at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 4,000 to 6,000 metres.

2. The flights centred on Zakho, Amadiyah, Irbil, Mosul, Dohuk and Tall Afar.

3. At 1452 hours on the same day, a formation of two United States aircraft crossed the 36th parallel to a depth of 45 kilometres to the north-west of Kirkuk at a speed of 800 kilometres per hour and at an altitude of 4,000 metres.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Abdul Amir A. AL-ANBARI
Ambassador
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